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Dear Mr. Casey:

As you may recall, I had the pleasure of meeting you [redacted] several years ago.

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I am disturbed that the government and the media habitually refer to the anti-communist partisan forces in Honduras/Nicaragua as CONTRAS.

This has a wretchedly bad public relations connotation. For over a century, Latin Americans have had a strong positive reaction to the word revolutionary. They associate it with such liberal-democratic heroes in their past as Simón Bolívar, Benito Juárez and José Martí.

Wouldn't it be a good idea for your agency to sponsor an international anti-communist alliance that might be called the ORGANIZATION FOR THE LIBERATION OF THE AMERICAS (Organización para la Liberación de las Américas)?

This would involve calling the forces we sponsor in Central America OLAS instead of CONTRAS.

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